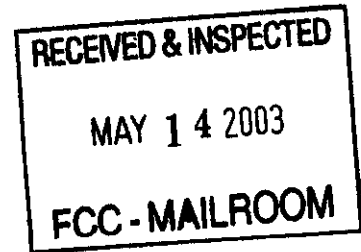




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Hon. Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner
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Dear Mr. Adelstein,

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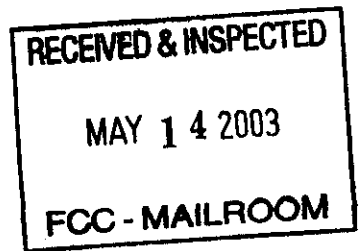
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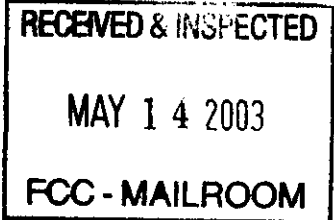
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